

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11(Cancelled).

12(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket for an internal combustion engine, insertable for the sealing of components ~~which has~~ having at least one of these, ~~with at least one T-junction formed region, said gasket~~ having at least one functional position ~~portion, [[and]] at least one distance position portion, and as well as at least one additional gasket seal element, which is provided in the region of the T-junction wherein the distance position is provided at least in the region of the T-position with portion has at least one recessed region serving for the intake of the additional gasket~~ having a seal engaging bottom surface, said recessed region receiving a portion of said seal element.

13(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket of claim 12 wherein the gasket seal element protrudes outwardly from ~~[[over]]~~ the recessed region in the direction of at least one of the sealed components and is detached from said at least one functional position.

14(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket of claim 12 wherein the distance ~~position~~ portion in the region of the gasket seal element is associated with at least one functional ~~position~~ portion, said functional portion has an opening sized to receive said ~~which is provided on the gasket seal element side with a recess therethrough in detached fashion.~~

15(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 14, wherein the recessed region has a larger surface in cross-section than ~~the recess~~ said opening.

16(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 15, wherein at least a part of ~~the recess~~ said opening is provided above the recessed region and is essentially parallel thereto.

17(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein the recessed region is generally oval in form.

18(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein the gasket seal element is partially supported ~~arranged in such a way in the recessed region that is partially supports itself on a boundary region[[s of]] of the distance~~ portion surrounding the recessed region.

19(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 12, wherein the gasket seal element is arranged in the recessed region without contacting ~~to the boundaries of the recessed region~~ and is supported by said bottom surface of the recessed region.

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20(Canceled).

21(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein ~~the region of the gasket element turned towards recess of the functional position at~~ least one hollow channel in said functional portion is in open communication with ~~provided to the recess opening and said seal element is partially received in said channel.~~

22(Currently Amended). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 12, wherein the ~~gasket seal~~ element comprises at least one silicone worm introduced in the recessed region.